COMMISSION ON TECHNOLOGY
e-COURT SUBCOMMITTEE
APPELLATE COURTS SUBTEAM
MEETING SUMMARY

May 05, 2011
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

State Courts Building Room 415

SUPREME COURT MEMBERS PRESENT
Justice Andrew Hurwitz
Clerk Rachelle Resnick
Staff Attorney Ellen Crowley

APPEALS DIVISION ONE MEMBERS PRESENT
Chief Judge Ann Timmer*
Clerk Ruth Willingham
Jeremiah Matthews
Judge Larry Winthrop

APPEALS DIVISION TWO MEMBERS PRESENT
Clerk Jeff Handler*
Chief Judge Joe Howard*

AOC STAFF & GUESTS
Stewart Bruner, *ITD*
Karl Heckart, *ITD*
Jim Price, *ITD*

* indicates appeared via telephone

AZTURBOCOURT STATUS AND SCHEDULE
Clerk Rachelle Resnick announced that the 100th Supreme Court case had been filed in AZTurboCourt with no serious issues exposed. Public defender agencies are e-filing through TurboCourt now. Rachelle shared that she has been inviting additional participants to obtain the training and register in AZTurboCourt. In response to Justice Hurwitz's question about reaching out to criminal appellate filers from rural areas of the state, Rachelle offered to craft an e-mail announcement to county attorneys and public defenders. Training classes dedicated to appellate filing were reported to be almost full.

"MUST HAVE" APPELLATE AUTOMATION ENHANCEMENTS
Karl Heckart provided the timeline for the "must have" enhancements to be released in production. He recommended continuing to link the timing for mandating appellate e-filing in Division One and Supreme Court with Pima civil filings being mandated. Justice Hurwitz requested that the group revisit Division Two's transition timeline after Pima civil filings are mandated.

ACCESS TO CASE DATA AND DOCUMENTS FROM MARICOPA SUPERIOR COURT CLERK'S OFFICE
The AO required to authorize Maricopa Superior Court to directly transmit capital cases to the Supreme Court, mentioned last meeting, is now in draft form. Division One representatives reported no increase in volume of electronic transfers since the previous meeting. Karl Heckart and Jim Price will check on any technical issues with Rich McHattie who is now in charge of the records management division at the clerk's office.

OBTAINING ELECTRONIC TRANSCRIPTS

Judge Winthrop briefed members on the progress of obtaining court reporters' transcripts, especially from official court reporters in Maricopa County. Court Services (Diane Wilson) has been connected with a representative from Maricopa (Denise Sanders Pellerito) to work out the training logistics. Court reporters handling Pima County death penalty cases can be brought on next, followed by "official" reporters in other counties. In support of the Pima effort, Judge Winthrop will send his e-mail progress summary to Judge Howard. Members discussed the sufficiency of training provided within the TurboCourt application itself.

OTHER UPDATES AND ISSUES

- Rachelle asked whether filers of transcripts in civil case should be exempted from paying the AZTurboCourt user fee. For consistency with the superior courts, they will be exempted.
- Stewart Bruner informed the group that unemployment insurance processors at Dept. of Economic Security are ready to talk to Division One about transmitting appeals cases electronically. Stewart will schedule a meeting between clerks and technical resources from the two offices, and including AOC OnBase and Appellamation resources. Members want to eventually revisit the records transfer situations with Industrial Commission and Corporation Commission filings into Division One.
- Judge Timmer asked whether non-parties should be allowed to file in AZTurboCourt. Members discussed the implications.
- Karl provided a brief progress report on handling probate case filings in AZTurboCourt.. Judge Timmer mentioned that as the appointed body disbands in June, they will recommend a workgroup continue to monitor and drive the recommended changes to completion.

WRAP UP

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled during the first week in June to report on progress and resolve any issues. No meeting is anticipated in July.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.